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SUBJECT: CCD: CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING ON SEISMIC EXPERTS'
REPORT, CCD SCHEDULE, AND REACTIVATION OF CW BILATERALS;
MARCH 13, 1978

1. SUMMARY: ON MARCH 13 CCD CO-CHAIRMEN MET TO DISCUSS
CCD HANDLING OF SEISMIC EXPERTS' REPORT, CCD SCHEDULE
AND REACTIVATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BILATERALS. END
SUMMARY.
2. AMBASSADOR FISHER (US REP) AND AMBASSADOR LIKHATCHEV
(SOVIET REP) MET ON MARCH 13 IN U.S. MISSION IN THEIR
CAPACITY AS CCD CO-CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF SEISMIC
EXPERTS' REPORT AND CCD SCHEDULE. REACTIVATION OF CHEMICAL
WEAPONS BILATERALS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.
3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SEISMIC REPORT, WHICH HAD BEEN
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TRANSMITTED TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN, WOULD BE CIRCULATED AT
MARCH 14 PLENARY AS A CCD DOCUMENT. SOVIET REP OBJECTED TO
PERMITTING CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERTS GROUP (ERICSSON OF
SWEDEN) TO ADDRESS PLENARY IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF
EXPERTS' GROUP, BUT AGREED TO HIS PARTICIPATION IN INFOR-
MAL MEETING IN THAT CAPACITY.

4. FISHER INDICATED THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO ENDORSE SEISMIC REPORT AND AGREE TO EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC EXPERTS' GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT AN EXPERIMENTAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE EXERCISE.

5. LIKHATCHEV SAID THAT THESE WERE TWO SEPARATE QUESTIONS. ONLY AFTER THE REPORT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND THE CCD HAS TAKEN A DECISION ON IT SHOULD THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE EXPERTS' GROUP BE ADDRESSED. HE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING OUT THE "SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES" OF A "POSSIBLE EXPERIMENT OF A POSSIBLE SEISMIC NETWORK." HE STRESSED THAT THE SOVIET UNION PROCEEDED ON THE PREMISE THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF SUCH AN EXPERIMENT SHOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER THE CTB TREATY HAS ENTERED INTO FORCE. THE DECISION TO CARRY OUT SUCH AN EXPERIMENT, HE SAID, SHOULD BE TAKEN ONLY BY STATES PARTIES.

6. FISHER POINTED OUT THAT CHAPTER 9 OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS' REPORT RECOMMENDS BOTH THE PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN A DECISION TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT SUCH AN EXERCISE. FISHER EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE COULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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PREJUDICE TO THE FUTURE TREATY, BEFORE THE TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE. IN HIS VIEW, CONDUCTING THE EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE PRIOR TO THE TREATY MIGHT ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE TREATY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXPERIMENT SHOULD IN ANY CASE NOT DELAY THE TREATY.

7. LIKHATCHEV REITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION THAT THE DECISION TO CONDUCT THE EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE SHOULD BE TAKEN ONLY BY STATES PARTIES, ONLY AFTER THE TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE.

8. WITH REGARD TO THE CCD SCHEDULE, FISHER NOTED THAT THE FINAL PREPCOM OF THE UN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT WOULD BE HELD FROM APRIL 4-21. HE SAID THAT THE CCD SHOULD DECIDE IF IT SHOULD RECESS FOR THE THREE WEEKS OF THE PREPCOM OR CONTINUE ITS WORK AT A REDUCED PACE. LIKHATCHEV SAID FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

9. FISHER SAID THAT, AS HEADS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DELS, HE AND LIKHATCHEV SHOULD CONSIDER WHEN THE CW EXPERTS SHOULD RETURN TO REACTIVATE THE CW BILATERALS. HE SAID THIS

COULD BE EITHER MARCH 29 OR AFTER THE PREPCOM, PERHAPS ON
APRIL 24. LIKHACHEV SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER INTO
CONSIDERATION.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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